

KEY INFORMATION DISPERSION DEVICE, ARITHMETIC UNIT AND SIGNATURE VERIFICATION DEVICE

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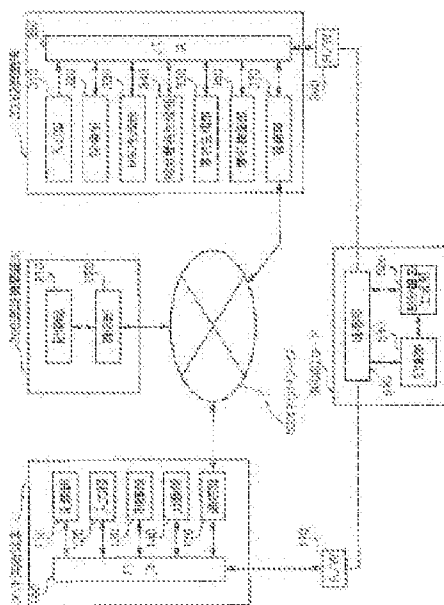
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PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a key information dispersion terminal, an IC card and a store terminal capable of improving the secrecy of key information even when a secret key is lost or stolen. **SOLUTION:** The key information dispersion device is provided with a dispersion means for generating partial key information for generating an electronic signature in the case of dividing key information for generating the electronic signature into n (n is a natural number ≥ 2) components and collecting k (k is a natural number of $1 < k \leq n$); divided key information components and a control means for performing either one of control for storing k partial key information components or less out of the partial key information components generated by the dispersion means and control for transmitting k partial key information components or less out of the other partial key information components to a signature verification device by a communication means to an operation unit for generating the electronic signature based on the prescribed program.



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